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LB 761

SENATOR KAHLE: Okay, the bill passes. We now have LB 761. There are a number of amendments on it, but we also know that some of you will be leaving in a little bit, but we are going to start on it and see how far we can get, so, Senator Warner, would you proceed.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 761 offered by Senator Marvel at the request of the Governor. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 11 of this year and at that time, Mr. President, it was referred to the Appropriations Committee for hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. There are Appropriation committee amendments pending.

SENATOR KAHLE: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would move adoption of the committee amendments, and we have been dealing with the committee amendments that could be amended with less than 25 votes. As you know, we now are on an Appropriation bill so that any amendments that we adopted need 25 votes to be adopted. I am not sure...we can have it one of two ways, we could... I could move to adopt the entire amendment and then those areas where you wish to offer other levels of funding could be taken up one at a time, or I am willing to go through it and amend it section by section, but I think that is probably more difficult. Do you have amendments filed, any to the committee amendments, Pat?

CLERK: Yes, sir, I do. I have four different ones.

SENATOR WARNER: Are they drafted to the committee amendments or to the bill? Do you know?

CLERK: It varies, Senator. In one instance...I am not sure, Senator, without checking. It seems like there is one that is drafted to the committee amendments, the others are drafted more towards the bill, I think.

SENATOR WARNER: Let me put it this way. In..all agencies, to my knowledge, are reduced by the committee amendments because the bill obviously is at the level that was proposed by the Governor initially and he has, as you all know, made numerous suggestions, as has the committee for reducing those dollar amounts. Unless there is a section in which you do not want the Governor's original amount reduced, I think the easiest way to handle it would be just to adopt the committee amendments in total and then we can deal with each section that the membership wants to